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Citadel Broadcasting Company
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Re: Citadel Broadcasting Company
WTMA (AM), Charleston, South Carolina
Facility Identification Number: 72376
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 24, 2009, on behalf of Citadel Broadcasting Company ("Citadel"). Citadel requests modification and further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on April 11, 2008, to operate Station WTMA with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, Citadel states that it has encountered delays in restoring licensed operation at its current site, that it has been granted Construction Permit BP-20080923AEG to relocate the transmitter, and that it has determined to direct its resources toward expeditiously building out the new site. Citadel provides a report of its progress toward completion of modified WTMA facilities authorized by the permit.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made substantial progress toward restoring licensed operation; thus, extension of STA is warranted. Based on the information provided, the STA is

¹ WTMA is licensed for operation on 1250 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U). Construction Permit BP-20080923AEG authorizes relocation of the transmitter and modification of the nighttime directional pattern.

modified to specify nondirectional nighttime operation.

Accordingly, the request for modification and extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WTMA may continue to operate during nighttime hours with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 0.25 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Citadel must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **June 29, 2010**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Citadel Broadcasting Company